

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 3

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

In life there are two ways of rewarding or being rewarded for achievement, progress or participation: extrinsic rewards, where people receive a tangible symbol of their success, be it a trophy, plaque, certificate or even a gold medal. Some extrinsic rewards, for example a university degree certificate, are obviously more than extrinsic rewards as they are also physical proof of attainment. Where as a generic player of the day trophy that is won each week is a symbol of success attained in the short term.

The other type of reward is the intrinsic type, that is when you may receive an extrinsic reward but this is only secondary to the innermost feelings that you hold of success, pride and that your success was (to you) vital and essential. People can feel both intrinsically and extrinsically rewarded at the same time, maybe if they win a sporting event, but while the extrinsic reward maybe lost or loose value over time the intrinsic rewards stays with you forever.

Someone can receive all of the extrinsic rewards imaginable; they can get gold cups, and have ticker tape parades held in their honour but if they don't value their success and feel the value of the reward intrinsically their success is almost without value.

The challenge as parents and teachers is to get the mix of these correct when dealing with our children. When they are little a certificate for player of the day or a small generic trophy can offer to them a feeling of achievement or success—an intrinsic reward. But as they grow the requirement of achieving intrinsic success can be deeper and is based on what goals and aspirations the child/young adult has.

I have seen boys and girls selected in high representative teams who literally shrug their shoulders and say 'whatever', while these same people glow with pride when they beat their father at Chess or achieve a high grade in a class quiz.

There are highly ranked sportsmen and academics who don't feel successful because they have not allowed themselves to be intrinsically rewarded while you will see other people in less auspicious positions who glow with pride because they value their successes.

Pride comes from within, and as parents and teachers of young children we set the tone for our children—we need to ensure that they set themselves honest and attainable goals and that they feel their success is valued.

Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan.

Room 5 Assembly



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for May

Wednesday 9th	Golf lessons continue R1-4
Thursday 10th	R6 Museum Visit
Tuesday 15th	SPCA Visit
Friday 25th	Assembly Rm 4/6, 2.20pm
	Reports go home
Tuesday 29th	Confirmation 6.30pm
Wed and Thurs	30th & 31st -Interviews

June

5th –8th	Scholastic Book Fair
13th	BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Cheese Rolls

Last few days to get your orders in.

Cheese rolls are very popular and easy to sell so please ask family, friends and work mates if they wish to place an order. I have even heard that people are emailing asking for orders! These are great to have with soup for an easy winter lunch!

Orders are due in THIS Friday 11th May, so we can calculate how much bread/cheese etc to order.

Also please bring along any spare supermarket bags to the school office.

The date for making these is **Friday 18th starting from 3—8pm & Saturday 19th of May starting at 8.30am.**

It would be really great if **every family** at St Mary's placed an order and then came along for a couple of hours (or more!) to help make them.

We will be needing lots of help to make the cheese rolls so if you have family or friends who would like to help please invite them along, it is a great way to meet and socialise while fundraising. Men are welcome too, we have lots of jobs like bring in the bread, packing and collating orders, on top of the making.

If you know that you can help it would be great if you could put your name down at the school office, - just so we know we have people to help.

Thank you for supporting this great fundraiser.

Remember—Many hands make light work!

A thought for the week...

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowances for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired of waiting, or being lied about, don't deal in lies, or being hated, don't give way to hating, and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it, and which is more—you'll be a man my son!

Rudyard Kipling "If"

Sport Fees

The winter sport have started and the fees have been set as follows:

Basketball \$45 (this includes the entry fee into the Edgar Centre)

Miniball \$20

Netball \$25

Hockey \$25

Please send the money in an envelope, with your child's name(s) and the sport marked on it, to the school office, thanks.

Kapahaka

The kapahaka group are starting again soon. Children will be asked if they are interested in joining this group. A note with more information will then go home with these children.

Scholastic Book Fair

On the 5th—8th June our school is holding a Scholastic Book Fair. This will be setup in the school library, where you can view and purchase the books from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

They will have the latest books and some really good specials.

Cross Country

This term the children are practicing for the Cross Country. They are able bring along sports shoes to train in if they wish.

Radio Station Cancellations

For all school and sport cancellations tune into 97.4 MORE FM or Radio Dunedin 1305 AM and 99.8 FM.

The cancellations are broadcast every 20 minutes from 6am—10am.

Altar Servers Sunday 13th May

Brendan & Bridget O'Neill, & Chelsea Smith

Congratulations to Georgiana van Herel who won a Scholastic Book Club competition.

Room Two had a surprise visit from Jeremy Ross, a representative from Scholastic NZ who presented Georgiana who won, a \$20 voucher and a book, as well as all her classmates with a book each. He also donated some books to the school library.



Religious Education – Holy Spirit Strand

All classes are now working on the Holy Spirit Strand.

Years 0-1 are learning that the Holy Spirit is God – the third person of the Holy Trinity. Family-Whanau Book pg 18.

Year 2 are learning that the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church through prayer and the Eucharist. Family-Whanau book pg 21

Year 3 are learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Family-Whanau book pg 24.

Year 4 are learning that through the Holy Spirit Jesus fulfilled his promise to be with his followers through Church, Word and Sacrament. Family-Whanau book pg 27.

Year 5 will focus on the titles and symbols of the Holy Spirit. Family-Whanau book pg 30.

Year 6 have Baptism and the Holy Spirit as their focus. Family-Whanau pg 33.

Year 7 are learning that from the scriptures we learn of the role of the Holy Spirit. Family-Whanau book page 36.

Year 8 will focus on the Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world. Family-Whanau book page 38b.

St Mary's Sports Uniform Community Feedback

After receiving parental feedback the Board of Trustees have decided to introduce a new sports uniform. After researching various options we have come up with a potential new design (see school office foyer).

To ensure that we meet the needs of our community we are offering you the opportunity to feed back your thoughts on this design.

The new sports uniform is a custom made top and shorts and is based on the design of the senior sports top.

Options:

Collar: V Neck ☐
or
Shirt Collar ☐

Optional - thermal top for underneath:

White ☐
or
Navy ☐

Other Comments: _____

Please return to the school office by 18th May.
Final information and costs will be available asap.
Donna Burns
BOT Parent Rep
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e-learning snapshot 3 – Maths links

Today's snapshot is focusing on support for learning in maths. Online maths activities support learning with daily practice, instant acknowledgement of success or challenge and sometimes a small reward, in the form of a certificate or points to use on site.

I am linking a range of sites for your learners to access to support their learning in maths.

A number of classes are using

<https://www.xtramath.org/> The results are amazing for those practising daily.



Study ladder is another awesome site

<http://www.studyladder.co.nz/>



IXL has a huge range of support material

<http://nz.ixl.com/math/years>



Gameaquarium is full of fun learning opportunities

<http://www.gameaquarium.org/dir/Gameaquarium/Math/>



All of these above are great for use on a computer or laptop. If you have an i-pad you might like to try some of these apps:

<http://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/mathtappers-find-sums-math/id353582286?mt=8> Free



<http://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/math-bingo/id371338715?mt=8> \$1.29



Have fun and please let me know your favourites.

Anne Kenneally

